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RESPONSE

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and 1.143, applicants provide the following remarks for entry in the above-identified case.

Remarks

This is an international application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) on February 28, 2000. As such, PCT Unity of Invention rules and not U.S. restriction practice govern this application.

In the Official Action the examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. In accordance with this requirement, the examiner requires election of one of the following groups: